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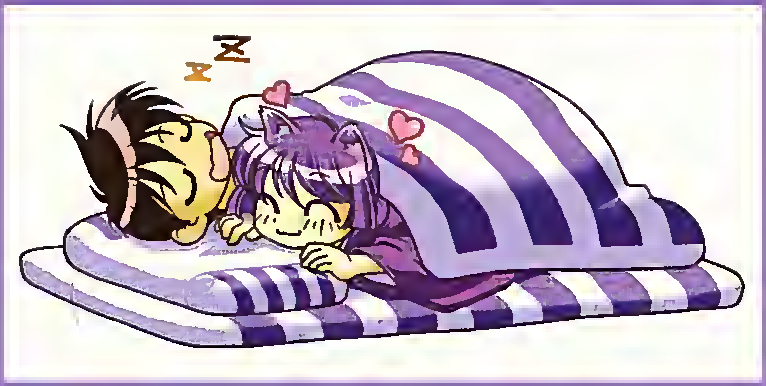

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TINA-SAN, DID YOU REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR LUNCH?!
AAGHHH, WAIT, WAIT!!
HELLO-OOO! TINA, YOU READY YET?
YOU KIDDING? I'D FORGET MY PANTS BEFORE I FORGOT MY FOOD!
. .WE'RE OFF!
WELL, THEN...
HAVE A GOOD DAY.
OKAY.

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Special Chapter

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1: Taoyame Gentle Woman

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WAH!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SEE ONE OF HER BRAS, TAEKO-SAN'S SIZE STILL SHOCKS ME.
I COULD NEVER FILL THESE OUT.

I WONDER IF KAORU-SAMA PREFERS WOMEN WITH LARGE BREASTS...?
OH, DEAR! WHAT AM I THINK-ING?
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE MILK. IT MIGHT CALM ME DOWN.

I KNOW. I THINK I'LL CLEAN KAORU-SAMA'S ROOM TODAY.

FIRST, I'LL PUT THE FUTON AWAY.
PARDON THE INTRU-SION, ROOM.
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Mmmm♡
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KAORU-SAMA'S FUTON IS SOFT AND RELAXING...
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OH, KAORU-SAMA. ♡
MAYBE IT'S SO CALMING BECAUSE IT SMELLS LIKE KAORU-SAMA...
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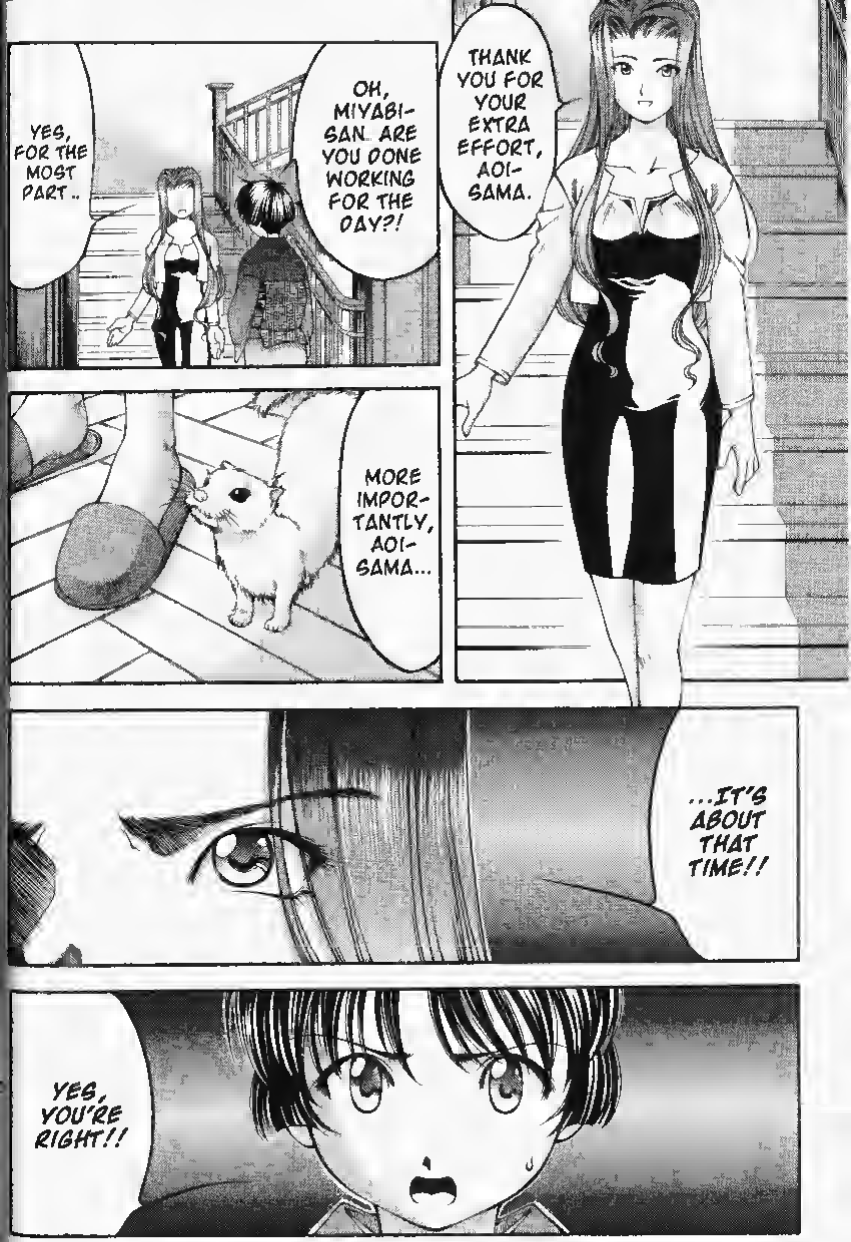
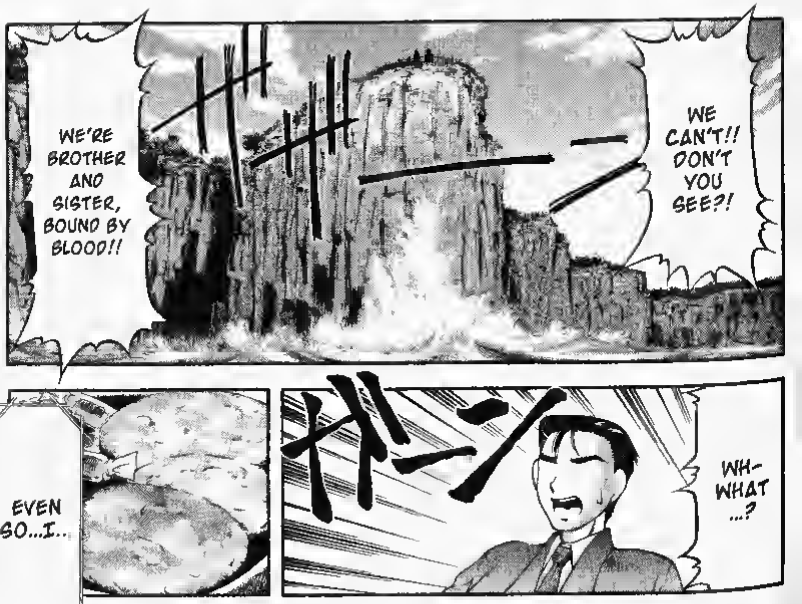
OH, NO!! I HAVE TO FINISH MY CLEANING!


YES, FOR THE MOST PART..
OH, MIYABI-SAN. ARE YOU DONE WORKING FOR THE DAY?!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRA EFFORT, AOI-SAMA.
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, AOI-SAMA...
...IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME!!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT!!

HOP TO IT, AOI-SAMA! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!!
YES!!


WE CAN'T!! DON'T YOU SEE?!
WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER, BOUND BY BLOOD!!
WH-WHAT ...?
EVEN SO...I..

...I LOVE YOU!
Ai no Toujinbou
Tune in tomorrow
TOMORROW'S EPISODE CAN'T AIR FAST ENOUGH!
IT'S TORTURE!!
REALLY?! I ACTUALLY SORT OF IDENTIFY WITH WHERE SHE'S COMING FROM.
THAT WOMAN'S INDECISIVENESS IS INEXCUSABLE! SHE NEEDS TO BE SLAPPED!
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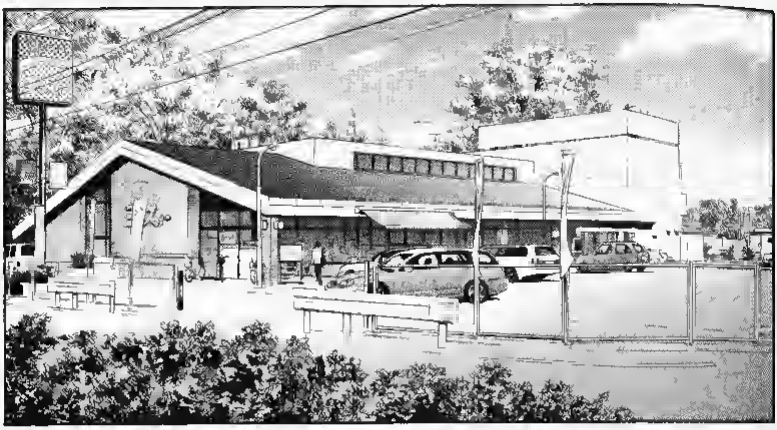

NOT AT ALL! I JUST GOT HERE.
I'M SORRY, HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING LONG?!

AOI-SAA-AAN!

WHAT LOOKS GOOD FOR TONIGHT ...?

AH! THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES! BOTTLED MILK!
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE CHICKEN TERIYAKI. KAORU-SAMA REALLY LIKES IT...
OH! THE CHICKEN IS REALLY CHEAP!
YES. IT ALWAYS TASTES SWEETER THAT WAY.
IS THAT HOW YOU GOT MILK BACK HOME, TAEKO-SAN?!
WHAT A WONDERFUL MEAL!

MMM!
I REALLY WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE A LITTLE BIGGER...

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んぐ!!
IT WOULD MAKE A KIND OF SENSE IF IT WAS THE MILK...
AH! Y-YES!
IS THE BATH FREE NOW?!
AH! AOI-CHAN!!
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UH, UM... THAT IS .. I THINK SO.
WHAT'S THAT? MILK IN A BOTTLE?!
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牛乳

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Milk after a bath tastes great, doesn't it?
UH, UM- KAORU- SAMA..
KAORU- SAMA, DO YOU... THAT IS...
DO YOU LIKE...
LARGE BREASTS?!
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EH?! UH, YOU SEE...
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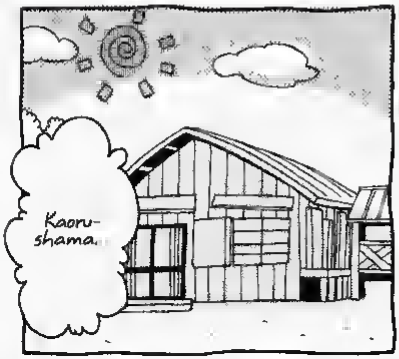
YOU'RE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ME THE WAY YOU ARE, AOI-CHAN.
TH-THANK YOU SO... MUCH...
WELL, TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY.
GOOD NIGHT, KAORU-SAMA ♡!



Ai-Ao Theatre, part 11,

Daily Life

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Chapter 62: Hinemosu—All Day
第六十二話　終日—ひねもす—

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WELCOME HOME, KAORU-SAMA.
H-HUH?
OHH?!
EH?!

THIS MUST BE...
...SOME KIND OF DREAM...
BECAUSE IN REAL LIFE, AOI-CHAN AND I AREN'T MARRIED!
RIGHT, AOI-CHAN?
YES, I SUPPOSE...
YOU'RE ACTING A LITTLE STRANGE TODAY, KAORU-SAMA.
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WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE FIRST? YOUR DINNER OR YOUR BATH?
HMM. DINNER, I GUESS

IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, LET ME PREPARE ...
EAT FIRST?
D-PLEASE...
HELP YOURSELF TO AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
My, you do look tasty!
WHAAAA--?! YOU MEAN DINNER IS..
WHEE-EE!
WHO AM I KIDDING?! ANYTHING CAN HAP-PEN IN A DREAM!!

K--KAORU-SAMA, PLEASE DEVOUR ME GENTLY.
OTHERWISE, AOI...WILL SHATTER!

H-HUH?!
NGAH...?!
AHN ♡ - KAORU-SAMA, DON'T!
A-AOI-CHAAAAN!!
NN?!
WHAT'S THE HARM? WE'RE MAR-RIED!
AHH♡ -- D-DON'T, KAORU-SAMA...!
MMMM, I WANT TO DREAM A LITTLE LONGER..
YAHHHHHH!?! AOI-CHAN!!

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...UM... THAT IS...
ACT-UALLY
I-I'M SORRY I STARTLED YOU.
WH-WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY ARE YOU ON MY FUTON?
I JUST FELT LIKE BEING IN YOUR BED A LITTLE WHILE...
Tee-hee
YOU WEREN'T REALLY AWAKE WHEN YOU DID THAT, WERE YOU...?
AH!!
は,
THEN YOU SURPRISED ME BY SUDDENLY GRABBING ME...
EH?!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, KAORU-SAMA.
BUT, AOI-SAN, IF YOU COME INTO MY ROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, MIYABI-SAN'S GONNA FREAK OUT.
If someone saw us
IF YOU WERE, THEN YOU'RE A TOTAL SNEAK, KAORU-SAMA!
meow
WHAT'S GOING ON?! AOI IS ACTING KIND OF WEIRD ...
ALL ALONE!!
WHAT? REALLY?
BECAUSE I KNOW FOR A FACT WE'RE THE ONLY ONES IN THE HOUSE.
...AND TAEKO-SAN IS STOCK-ING UP ON OCCULT SUPPLIES.
Mwuh ha ha!
TINA-SAN WENT TO ELECTRIC TOWN TO BUY VIDEO GAMES.
APPAR-ENTLY, MIYABI-SAN HAS A MEET-ING.

SAY "AAA-HH."
AAA-HHH.
I COULDN'T WASTE THIS OPPOR-TUNITY TO BE NEAR YOU.
KAORU-SAMA...
...ARE YOUR STUDIES GETTING HARD?
HM?!
YOU MEAN THE GRADU-ATE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM?!
YES I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING LATE INTO THE NIGHT THIS WHOLE PAST WEEK.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEALTH, KAORU-SAMA
DO YOU LIKE IT?
UH-HUH.

NAH I THINK IT ONLY LOOKS HARD BECAUSE MIYABI-SAN'S HELPING, AND HER PROGRAM'S VERY INTENSE
BUT I NEED THAT KIND OF TOUGH-NOSED ENCOURAGE-MENT IF I WANT TO BE A GRADUATE STUDENT.
UH, UM, KAORU-SAMA.. THAT MEANS... UM
THAT YOU'LL BE BUSY TODAY, TOO. DOESN'T IT?
Given this special occasion
I CAN REST TODAY. LET'S TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF HAVING THE WHOLE HOUSE TO OURSELVES!

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING A LOT
ARE THERE REALLY SO MANY ?!
YES, UH, LET'S SEE, WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?
YUP WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?!
Too many choices!
REALLY?! ARE YOU SURE, KAORU-SAMA?!
AND, "IF ONLY I COULD DO THAT FOR HIM..."
"I'D LIKE TO DO THIS WITH KAORU-SAMA..."

...THAT A SWEET-HEART LIKE AOI-CHAN EVER THINKS ABOUT SUCH THINGS.
I DOUBT ANYONE WOULD EVER IMAGINE...
SO THEY'VE NEVER BEEN MORE THAN IDEAS
IT'S THE SORT OF STUFF WE CAN'T DO WHEN EVERYONE IS WATCHING
OKAY!!
ALLLLRIGHT! LET'S DO EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO DO, FROM BEGINNING TO END!!
LET'S SEE, I WANT TO TRY COOKING A MEAL WITH YOU, KAORU-SAMA!
WHAT SHOULD WE START?

I WOULD LIKE TO...
...WATCH A MOVIE WITH YOU, TOO.
DO EVERY-THING WITH KAORU-SAMA...
ME AND KAORU-SAMA..
KAORU-SAMA...

MAN, YOU REALLY WORE ME OUT!

KAORU-SAMA...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
...FOR INDULG-ING MY SELFISH WISHES

ARE YOU KIDDING? IT WAS A LOT OF FUN, AND WE NEVER EVEN LEFT THE HOUSE!
YES
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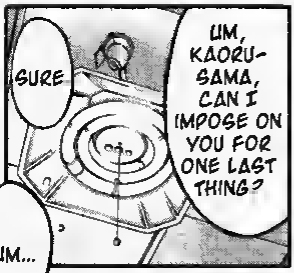
UM, KAORU-SAMA, CAN I IMPOSE ON YOU FOR ONE LAST THING?
SURE

UM...

PLEASE...
HOLD ME.

KAORU-SAMA
...I'M SO HAPPY.

KAORU-SAMA, TODAY, PLEASE BE ONLY AOI'S KAORU-SAMA.

NOT LIKE THAT.
THAT'S TRUE, BUT.
We're betrothed after all
EH?! I'M ALWAYS ONLY AOI-CHAN'S ME.

BECAUSE... BECAUSE YOU JUST SIMPLY SHOULD BE AOI'S AND AOI'S ONLY! NO ONE ELSE'S!
WOW! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN AOI-CHAN ACT SO SPOILED.

MAN, THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
ACTUALLY, THERE WAS ALSO THAT ONE TIME..
AOI WANTS KAORU-SAMA TO CARRY HER LONGER!
WHA-AAA-?!
THERE, I'M NOT CARRYING YOU ANY MORE
HEY, KAORU-SAMA...
AOI WANTS YOU TO CARRY HER MORE!
BUT-
NO WAY, I'M DONE!!

THE REAL AOI-CHAN I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN IS THE LITTLE GIRL FROM BACK THEN.
HA HA. YEAH, JUST LIKE WHEN WE WERE KIDS.
...A CRY-BABY...
INCREDIBLY SPOILED...
THE ONE SHE ONLY LETS ME SEE
THE REAL AOI-CHAN!

AOI-CHAN...?
KAORU-SAMA?
Hellooooo?! Kaoruuu, Landlady-saaan!
LANDLADY-SAN! I'M BACK!
AOI-SAAAAN! WE'RE HOME!
Ha ha

End of Chapter 62-Hinemosu—All Day

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Special Chapter 2 : Youkin Piano

MAYU-SAMA, A PACKAGE HAS ARRIVED FROM YOUR MOTHER.
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FROM MAMA?! WHAT COULD IT BE?
Oh, it's beautiful!!

I KNEW MAMA WOULD KNOW WHAT I WANTED!
Dear Mayu-chan
How are you doing? It's a little early, but I'm sending you the Christmas present I made for you.
I'll be back by the end of the year, so get ready for my visit, okay?
Love, Mama
BUT HOW DO YOU WEAR JAPANESE CLOTHES AND MAKE THEM LOOK FABULOUS?!

...AND, YOU SEE, THAT'S MY PROBLEM.
Even if someone like you has to teach me
HUH ...?
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT, YOU LITTLE BRAT!!
IF YOU WANT AOI TO HELP YOU OUT, SHOW HER MORE RESPECT!!
I'll make you bow to her!
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, YOU LUMMOX!!
LANDLADY-SAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR THIS TOAD.
GAAHH! YOU SHUT UP! IF MAYU CAN'T DRESS TRADITIONALLY BY THE END OF THE YEAR...
Nope, nope
EH?! WHAT'S AT THE END OF THE YEAR?!
NOTHING FORGET IT.

ALL RIGHT, MAYU-CHAN.
I'LL DO MY BEST TO TEACH YOU EVERY-THING.
IS SOME-THING GOING ON, MAYU-CHAN?
MAMA IS COMING BACK AT THE END OF THE YEAR.
MAYU WANTS TO GREET HER WEARING THIS KIMONO
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REALLY ?
I'll show you how to wear it
WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT ON FOR ME RIGHT NOW?
DON'T YOU KNOW ANY-THING?! NO ONE WEARS UNDER-WEAR UNDER JAPANESE CLOTHES
WHAAA? YOU'RE KIDDING ?!
NOT BLOODY LIKELY!!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY NAKED WHEN I WEAR IT?!
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HUH?! MAYU-SAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR UNDERGARMENTS?
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OW! OW-WOW!
FIRST, PUT ON THE UNDERSHIRT, THE NAGAJUBAN...

TAKE THE OBISHI-TAJIME AND TIE THE SASH UNDER YOUR CHEST.
THEN PUT ON THE KIMONO...
...RAISE THE HEM TO THE FRONT...
...AND WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, MATCH THE SHI-TAMAE.
RAISE IT ABOUT TEN CENTIME-TERS..
...THEN PLACE THE UWAMAE OVER IT
THAT NEEDS TO GO UP ABOUT FIVE CEN-TIMETERS

ARRANGE THE TOP HALF...
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SMOOTH OUT THE WRINKLES AND TIE THE FIRST KOSHIHIMO AROUND YOUR HIPS.
...HOLD BOTH SLEEVES AND PULL THEM OUT. THEY SHOULD MAKE A "TON-TON" SOUND.
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EH?! WE'RE TYING ANOTHER CORD?!
NEXT, WE TIE THE SECOND KOSHIHIMO.

NOW, AFTER THE SECOND KOSHI-HIMO IS A SASH CALLED THE DATE-JIME...
WAHHHH! THIS IS SO COM-PLICATED!
OH, YOU GET USED TO IT AFTER AWHILE.
LANDLADY-SAN, YOU GO THROUGH THIS ROU-TINE EVERY SINGLE DAY?
Whoa!
YES, THERE'S STILL AN OBI TO TIE, AS WELL
Ugh!
MAYU-SAA-AAN!
WHY NOT SEE FOR YOURSELF?
WELL?! HOW DID SHE DO?

DOES IT SUIT ME...?!
...HANA-BISHI-SAMA?
YOU BET. YOU LOOK GREAT IN A KIMONO, MAYU-CHAN
IT'S SO PRETTY! JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM A TOP DESIGNER!
I HEARD THAT!
WELL, THEY DO SAY FINE CLOTHES MAKES A BLAH BLAH BLAH
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
SINCE I'M WEARING A KIMONO, I'D LIKE TO TRY SOME TRADITIONAL ETIQUETTE, AS WELL

MAYU'S ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY FLOWER ARRANGING!
TEA IS BITTER- I'LL PASS
GOOD IDEA YOU SHOULD START WITH THE TEA CEREMONY.
WHOA
I'M AMAZED
WOW SO PRETTY!
THIS ONE, OUH.
HEY! WHICH ONE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
EH ?!
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IN THAT CASE, WE'LL TRY KOTO MUSIC !!
NOW IT'S MAYU'S TURN!
IT'S LIKE IT'S ALREADY NEW YEAR'S!
MMM, VERY ELEGANT..
WHAT KIND OF PRAISE IS THAT?!
I LIKE IT IT'S CREEPY!
EGADS! IT'S LIKE SOME-ONE'S TRYING TO RAISE THE DEAD!
IS THERE SOME-THING YOU LIKE DOING?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY SOME-THING MORE SUITED TO YOU, MAYU-CHAN?!
SIGH I GUESS MAYU REALLY ISN'T MADE FOR SUCH THINGS.

SOME-THING I LIKE ...?
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY-THING.
MAYU-SAMA HAS AN EXCEPTIONAL GIFT FOR PLAYING THE PIANO.
REALLY? MAYU-CHAN, LET'S HEAR IT.
EH?! PLAYING THE PIANO IS JUST SOMETHING THEY MADE ME DO WHEN I WAS A CHILD IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL
C'MON, DON'T BE SHY NOW!
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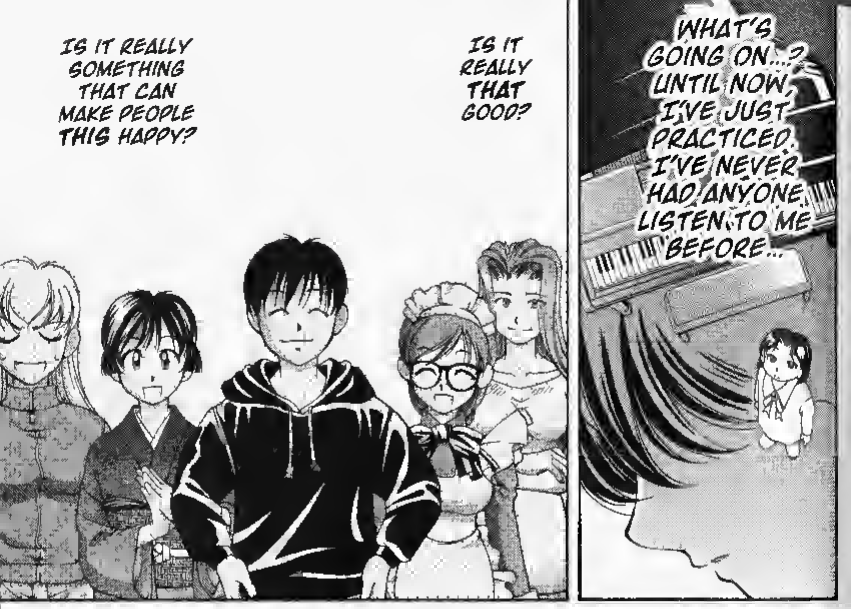
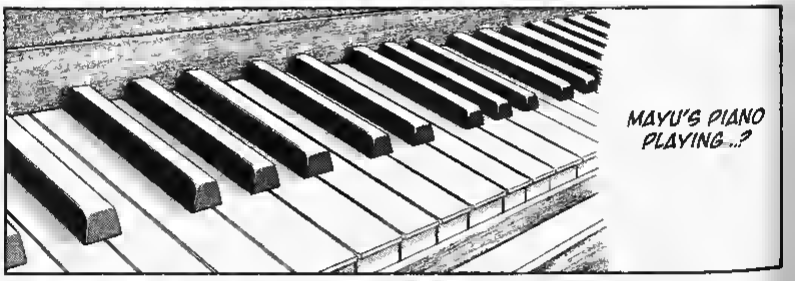
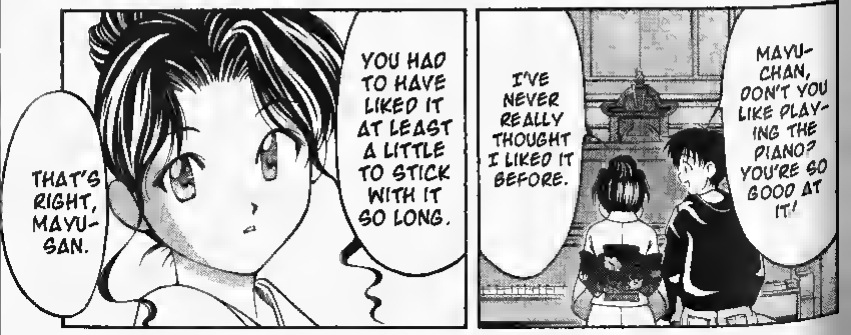
THAT WAS REMARKABLE, MAYU-CHAN!
IT WAS QUITE LOVELY, MAYU-SAN.
WELL, IT WASN'T BAD...


IS IT REALLY SOMETHING THAT CAN MAKE PEOPLE THIS HAPPY?
IS IT REALLY THAT GOOD?
WHAT'S GOING ON...? UNTIL NOW, I'VE JUST PRACTICED. I'VE NEVER HAD ANYONE LISTEN TO ME BEFORE...


MAYU'S PIANO PLAYING...?


THAT'S RIGHT, MAYU-SAN.
YOU HAD TO HAVE LIKED IT AT LEAST A LITTLE TO STICK WITH IT SO LONG.
I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT I LIKED IT BEFORE.
MAYU-CHAN, DON'T YOU LIKE PLAY-ING THE PIANO? YOU'RE SO GOOD AT IT!

I LOVE THE KOTO AND ALL THE FLOWERS IN IKEBANA AND JAPANESE CLOTHES...
THAT'S WHY I'VE KEPT DOING THEM ALL THIS TIME.
THAT MAKES SENSE...
MAYBE I NEED TO RETHINK HOW I LOOK AT THE PIANO.
MAYU-CHAN, YOU SHOULD GO PUBLIC WITH YOUR TALENT!
NO, MAYU'S RECITAL IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF, BUT THANKS ALL THE SAME.

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Chapter 63 Shuukaidou — Begonia

I'M SORRY YOU HAVE TO GO SO FAR OUT OF YOUR WAY JUST TO HANG OUT WITH ME, AOI-CHAN.
OH! PLEASE DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS.
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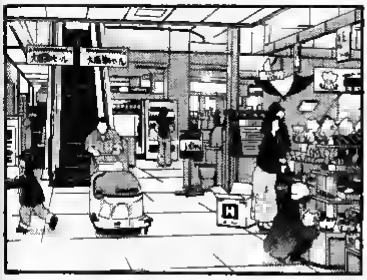
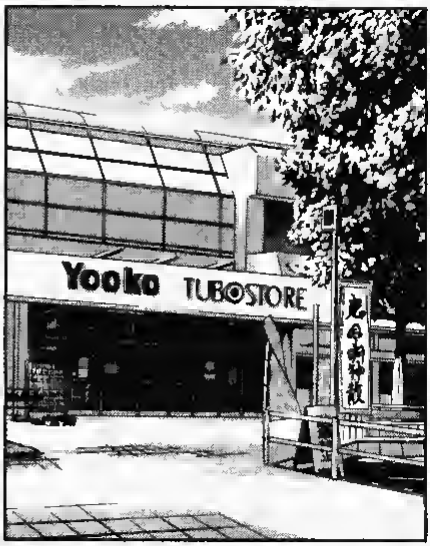
I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER THAT YOU LET ME COME. WE GET THE WHOLE DAY TO OURSELVES, NO HOUSEMATES WHATSOEVER.

WHERE ARE WE GOING ANYWAY?
MM.. TO SEE SOME-ONE...SORT OF.
REALLY? WHO IS IT?!
Is it someone I know?!
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE GET THERE. UNTIL THEN, IT'S A SECRET.
KAORU-SAMA, YOU'RE SO MEAN!
BY THE WAY, AOI-CHAN, I NEED TO MAKE A QUICK STOP FIRST.
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
YES.

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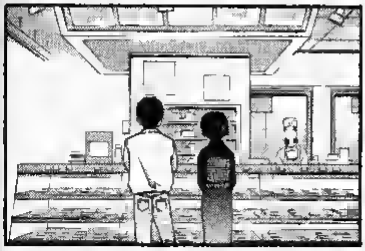

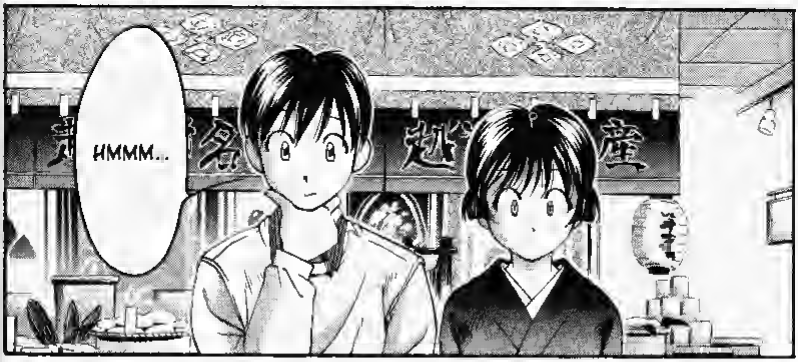
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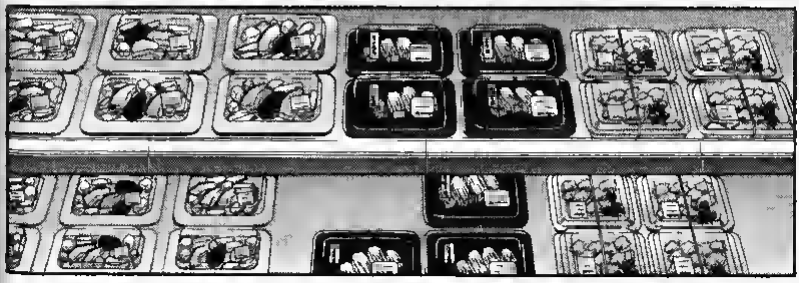
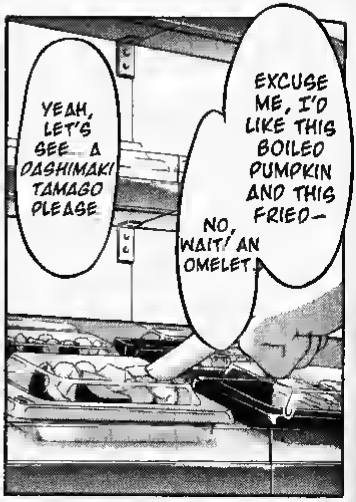


EH?!
IS THIS A GIFT FOR THE PERSON WE'RE GOING TO MEET?
They must like Japanese food.


YEAH, LET'S SEE... A DASHIMAKI TAMAGO PLEASE
EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE THIS BOILED PUMPKIN AND THIS FRIED—
NO, WAIT! AN OMELET.

MMMM...

EXCUSE ME!

A FLOWER SHOP?!
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Let's see, this and...
I WONDER WHO KAORU IS GOING TO MEET...?
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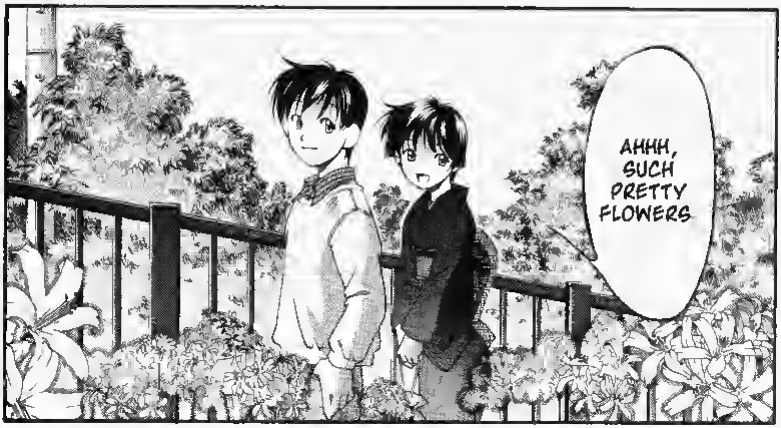
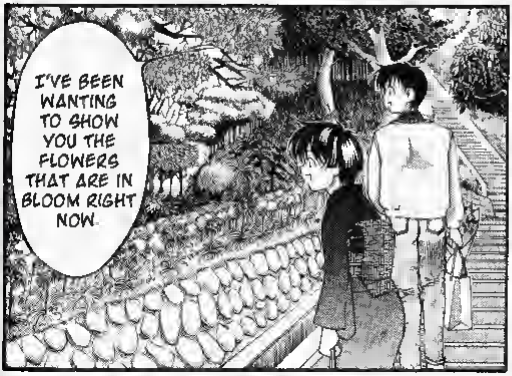
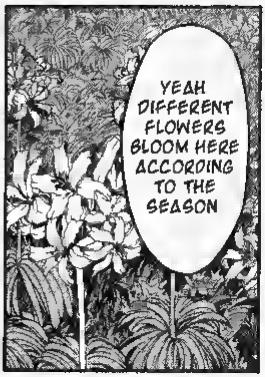
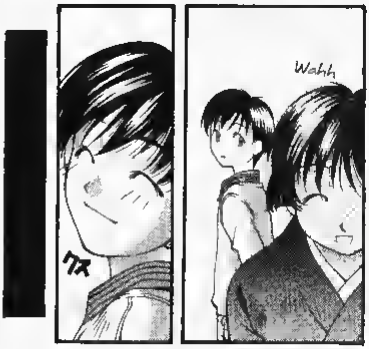
WE FINALLY MADE IT. IT'S KIND OF AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY STOP, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.
LUCK IS ON OUR SIDE, THOUGH. LOOK AT THOSE CLEAR SKIES!
YES, IT'S A LOVELY DAY TODAY, ISN'T IT?


AHHH, SUCH PRETTY FLOWERS


I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SHOW YOU THE FLOWERS THAT ARE IN BLOOM RIGHT NOW.


YEAH DIFFERENT FLOWERS BLOOM HERE ACCORDING TO THE SEASON

WE'RE HERE, AOI-CHAN.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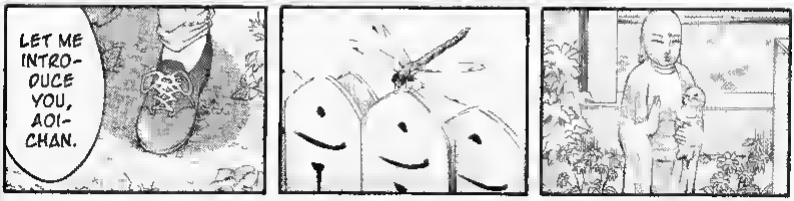
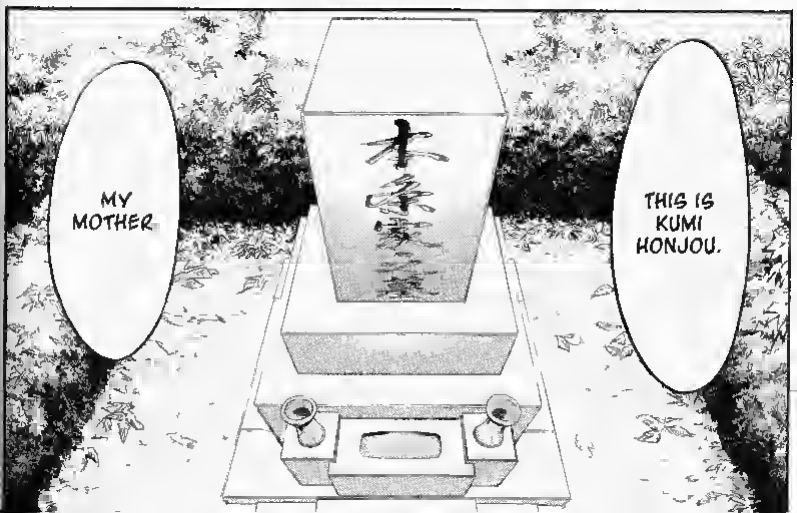
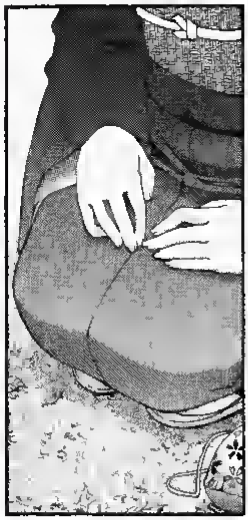
THIS IS...
HUH ...?!
THIS WAY, AOI-CHAN!
OH, OKAY.

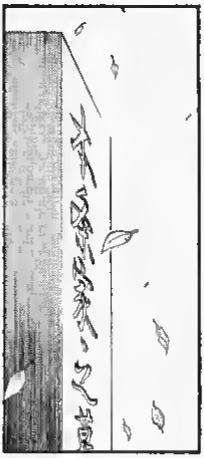

LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU, AOI-CHAN.


MY MOTHER.
THIS IS KUMI HONJOU.

ALL RIGHT
I'M GOING TO FETCH SOME WATER, SO WAIT HERE.



PLEASED TO MEET YOU...I'M AOI SAKURABA.



NO, I'LL DO IT.
THANK YOU.
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UM... KAORU-SAMA?
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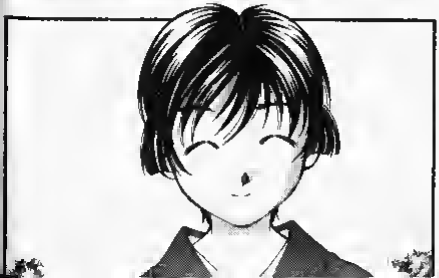
WHAT KIND OF PERSON ...WAS SHE?
WELL... SHE WAS VERY KIND.
WHEN I WENT INTO THE HANABISHI WHEN I WAS FIVE, SHE WOULD ALWAYS SEND ME LETTERS.
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD MOTHER.
YEAH...

... I CAN'T
...I CAN'T
REMEMBER HER
FACE CLEARLY
ANYMORE

IT'S KIND OF SAD. I REMEMBER HOW KIND SHE WAS TO ME...
...BUT I HARDLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE LIKED TO EAT OR DRINK.
I JUST ASSUME..
...THAT SHE WOULD PROBABLY LIKE THIS KIND OF FOOD.

IT MIGHT BE THAT THE MOTHER I REMEMBER...
...IS MORE WHAT I WISH SHE WAS LIKE THAN HOW SHE WAS IN REAL LIFE.



KAORU-SAMA
I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.

"WHAT IS HE DOING NOW..?"
"I WONDER WHAT KAORU-SAMA LIKES?"
I WOULD ALWAYS THINK ABOUT THE KAORU-SAMA I REMEMBERED FROM CHILDHOOD.
IS EXACTLY LIKE THE KAORU-SAMA I DREAMED ABOUT BEING WITH
AS IT TURNS OUT, THE REAL KAORU-SAMA..
...WAS EXACTLY THE WAY SHE IS IN YOUR HEART.
I'M SURE YOUR MOTHER..

PLUS...
...I THINK I UNDER-STAND...
...THE WAY YOUR MOTHER FELT WHEN SHE WAS SO FAR AWAY FROM YOU, KAORU-SAMA
NO MATTER HOW FAR APART YOU WERE...

...OR HOW FAR APART WE WERE...
...YOU'VE NEVER LEFT THE MINDS OF THE WOMEN WHO LOVE YOU.
I'M SO GLAD YOU DECIDED TO COME WITH ME TODAY, AOI-CHAN.
YOU'RE PROB-ABLY RIGHT

End of Chapter 63: Shuukaidou—Begonia

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第六十四話　宵祭―よいまつり―

Chapter 64: Yoimatsuri-Festival Eve

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CHIKA!
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY AT TOMO'S HOUSE!

YOU'RE COMING, RIGHT, CHIKA?
HUH?! HMM... SORRY, BUT CHIKA ALREADY HAS PLANS.
CHIKA...
YOU...
DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND!?
TEE-HEE-HEE!
NAH, THERE'S NO WAY!
NO DOUBT! CHIKA'S THE MOST CHILDISH ONE IN OUR CLASS.

OHHH, THAT DORK-HEAD TOMO...
CHIKA'S NOT CHILDISH!
IF ONLY SHE KNEW...
....THAT I'LL BE SEEING YOU!
ONII-CHAN!
EH?! YOU'RE HAPPY JUST BEING WITH CHIKA?!
Tee-hee-hee! What should we do together?
Do you have any ideas, Onii-chan?!
OH, YOU FLAT-TERER! SILLY ONII-CHAN!
CHIKA'S EMBAR-RASSED!

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B-B-BUT-
WAH!
...IF I COULD DO THE SAME THING WITH ONII-CHAN...
STILL ...
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WATCH-ING. HAVE THEY NO SHAME?

...I so totally would!!
WHOA-HO, THEY'RE KISSING NOW!
I WONDER IF SOME-DAY...
...CHIKA WILL BE ABLE TO KISS LIKE AN ADULT?

IS THAT A MOLEST-ER?!
C-C-COULD IT BE...?
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YAHHHH!!
N-NO, NO, NO!
I DON'T WANT TO BE STROKED BY ANY-ONE OTHER THAN ONII-CHAN!!
A-AT A TIME LIKE THIS, YOU SHOULD UM... ...
STOP IT, FREAK!!

EH?! WHAT?
WHAT THE—?!
HOW DID I?!
FUMA...

TEE HEE HEE. I—I'M SO SORRY.
?!
HA HA! THAT SCARED ME...!

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THANK YOU, ONII-CHAN.
YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE TO HELP CHIKA BE BRAVE
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GAHHH, I'M REALLY, REALLY LATE.
THAT CAN'T BE THE LAST BUS... CAN IT?!
YIKES!!
LET'S SEE... THE BUS IS...
WAIT !!

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...
OWWW!
AWWWW! I'M COMPLETELY SOAKED!
BUT IT'S OKAY! ALL THAT MATTERS IS I KEPT ONII-CHAN DRY!

HEY, IT'S RAIN-ING...
...AND IT'S COLD...
OH, ONII-CHAN...

GOOD THING, BECAUSE YOU MISSED THE LAST BUS
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU'D BE GETTING IN LATE, SO I CAME TO PICK YOU UP.
YO!! CHIKA-CHAN!
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HA HA!
O-ONII-CHAN!!

HERE, COME AND DRY OFF.
AH...
HANG ON! WHAT HAPPENED, CHIKA-CHAN? YOU'RE DRENCHED.
I KIND OF FELL DOWN.
TEE HEE HEE SORRY
Tee hee hee
EVEN MY PANTIES ARE WET.

Y-YOU SHOULON'T, ONII-CHAN...
I'LL MAKE YOU ALL WET, TOO.
MAYBE, BUT YOU CAN'T TELL ME IT DOESN'T WARM YOU UP.
EH?
AH!! CHIKA-CHAN, LOOK!
NO, I AM GETTING WARMER.

IT'S PRETTY, ISN'T IT?
YEAH...

WHAT?!
OOOPS! ONII-CHAN, I ALMOST FORGOT!
HERE, ONII-CHAN, A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
THANKS, CHIKA-CHAN. CAN I OPEN IT?!
YEAH! OPEN IT!!
WOW!! THIS...
CHIKA MADE IT!

I MADE A SCARF.
YOU PUT IT ON THE TWO OF THEM LIKE THIS.
YOU REALLY WENT ALL OUT ON THESE!
SEE? IT'S THE SAME AS CHIKA'S ONII-CHAN PLUSHIE.
HA HA THANKS, CHIKA-CHAN
WAIT! THERE'S MORE!
MORE?!
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HA HA HA.
TEE HEE HEE.

HEY, EVERY-ONE, WE'RE HERE!
Merry Christmas, everyone!!

OH, HEY! ONII-CHAN, TAKE A BATH WITH ME!!
CH-CHIKA-CHAN!!
TH-THAT'S
KAORU-DONO!
EH ....?
DAHHH!! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
MAYU WILL BE THE ONE TO TAKE A BATH WITH HANA-BISHI-SAMA!!

End of Chapter 64: Yoimatsuri—Festival Eve

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第六十五話　考試―こうし―

Chapter 65: Koushi — Test

TOMORROW IS KAORU-SAMA'S GRADUATE EXAM...
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MY GOAL FOR THE DAY IS TO MAKE HIS LIFE AS EASY AS POSSIBLE SO HE CAN RELAX AND PREPARE
I KNOW HE'LL DO WELL
BECAUSE HE WORKED SO HARD.

IT'S TIME FOR BREAK-FAST.
...BUT IF KAORU-SAMA IS STILL ASLEEP, I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO WAKE HIM UP.
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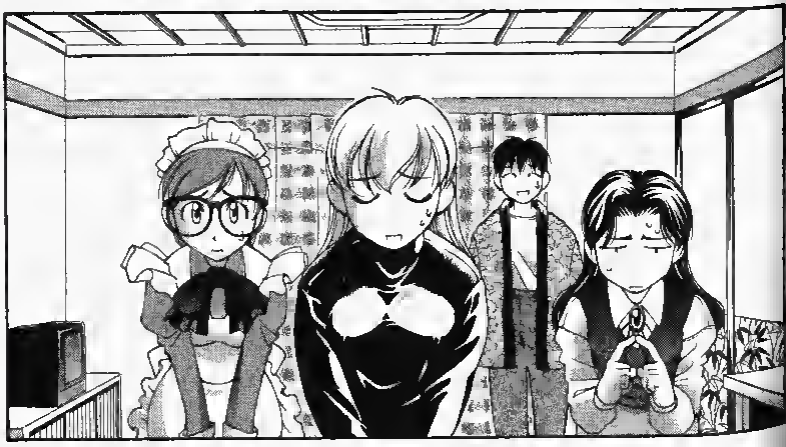
KAORU-SAMA ...?

I SAID I WOULD MASSAGE KAORU'S BACK!!
IF YOU MASSAGED IT, IT WOULD GET EVEN WORSE!!
SENPAI, THIS CHARM IS JUST THE THING YOU NEED!
JUST WHAT DOES EVERY-ONE THINK THEY'RE DOING?!!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KAORU-SAMA?
UGH, THANKS, AOI-CHAN...

YOUR FEELINGS ARE OF NO CONSEQUENCE! THIS IS THE FINAL STRETCH FOR KAORU AS AN UNDERGRAD, AND HE NEEDS PEACE AND QUIET TO CONCENTRATE!
NOW, I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU ALL FEEL. YOU JUST WANT TO "HELP."



I-IT'S OKAY. EVERYONE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME.
YOU SAID THIS CHARM IS PRETTY EFFECTIVE, RIGHT, TAEKO-CHAN?
TH-THAT'S RIGHT.
ACCORDING TO MY FORTUNE-TELLING...
...IF YOU SPEND THE ENTIRE DAY WITH THE LUCKIEST ONE AMONG US..
...YOUR LUCK WILL INCREASE, TOO, SENPAI!
TODAY, THE LUCKIEST ONE IN THE HOUSE IS---

HMMM, WELL, IT SEEMS THAT IT'S AOI-SAN.
I-IF THAT IS THE CASE...
I-IF KAORU-SAMA IS SURE I WON'T BE IN THE WAY... I WON'T OBJECT.
No Pair Landlady-san
BY THE WAY, THE MOST UNLUCKY IS MAYU-SAN.
WHAAAA?! JUST HOW ACCURATE IS THAT THING, ANYWAY?!

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KAORU? DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?!
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WHAT?!
I FINALLY FINISHED IT.
TINA'S SPECIAL!!
BLENDED STAMINA JUICE!!
IF YOU JUST DRINK THIS, TOMORROW'S TEST'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE.
WOW, THANKS, TINA.
I GUESS I'LL TRY IT...?
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YEAH, CHUG, CHUG!!

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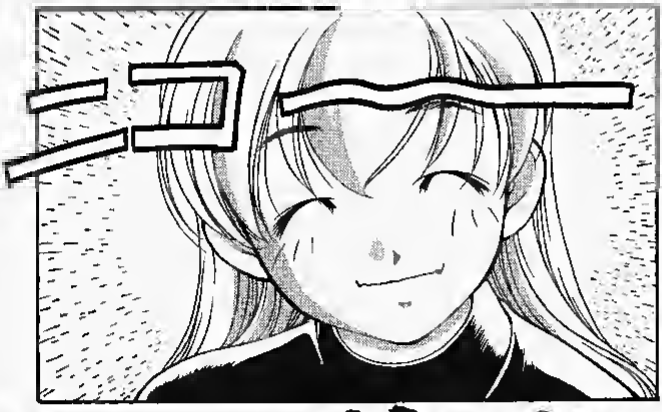
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T-TINA, THIS IS...
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Yayyyy!
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ANYWAY, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK WITH MAYU?!
YOU LITTLE COW!
NO! IF HANABISHI-SAMA DRINKS ANY MORE, HE'LL GET SICK
THERE'S PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM, SO DRINK UP!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? THEY'RE MAYU'S SPECIAL COOKIES!
AND THE HIGHEST QUALITY BLACK TEA.
UH-HUH.
WOW, YOU MADE THESE COOK-IES, MAYU?!
MAYU WILL PLAY THE PIANO FOR YOU SO YOU CAN RELAX TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

So they're a little bit burnt...
IT'S A RABBIT!!
THIS PANDA...
WEIRD. FOR SOMETHING YOU COOKED, THEY AIN'T BAD!
THANKS, MAYU-CHAN.
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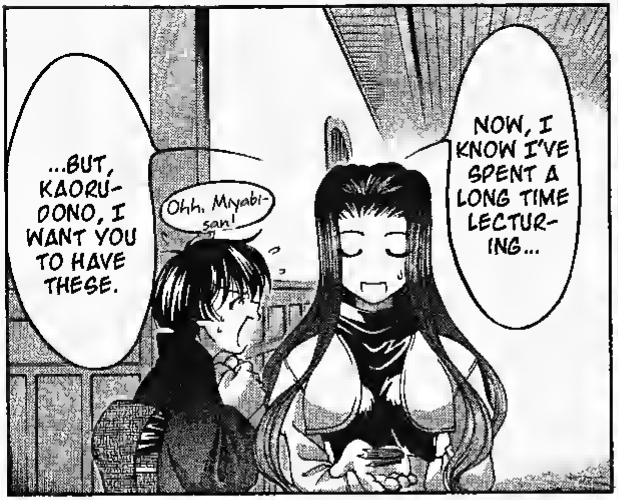
IT WAS NOTHING. FOR YOU, HANABISHI-SAMA, I COULD DO ANYTHING.

MIYABI-SAN?
KAORU-DONO!!
BE CAREFUL NOT TO DROP YOUR GUARD AND LET DOUBT INFECT YOUR BRAIN.
TOMORROW, AT LONG LAST, IS YOUR ENTRY EXAM.
...I'LL BE THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES WHEN YOU CAN NEVER SHOW YOUR UNSUCCESSFUL FACE TO AOI-SAMA AGAIN!
IF YOU HAPPEN TO FAIL THE TEST...
...NEVER MIND ME...


NOW, I KNOW I'VE SPENT A LONG TIME LECTURING...
Ohh, Miyabi-san!
...BUT, KAORU-DONO, I WANT YOU TO HAVE THESE.

Y-YES...I UNDERSTAND.
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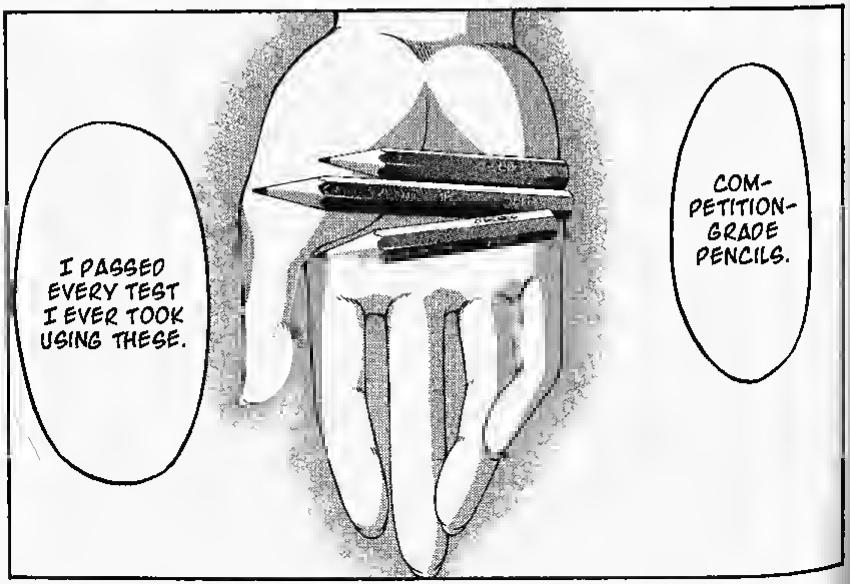
WHAT ARE THEY?!


COMPETITION-GRADE PENCILS.
I PASSED EVERY TEST I EVER TOOK USING THESE.

IF YOU USE THEM...
...YOU WILL SURELY PASS!!
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT!
TAKE CARE OF THEM...
Oh, okay...
...AND THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
THANKS, MIYABI-SAN.
I WON'T USE ANY PENCILS TOMORROW BUT THESE.
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THAT IS ALL.

ALL RIGHT! I'M IN THE HOME STRETCH!
Do your best, do your best Kaoru-sama!
Do your best, do your best Kaoru-sama!
UH, AOI-CHAN, I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU SIT STILL, PLEASE?
OH, NO, IT'S ME WHO IS SORRY!
UM, KAORU-SAMA, MAY I BORROW THE BOOK BAG YOU ALWAYS USE?
HUH?! SURE
?!

AOI-CHAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY WITH ME ALL NIGHT...
I-IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL STAY WITH YOU UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP...
Good grief!

AOI-CHAN...
合格祈願
青春書房

HA HA. I'D BETTER DO WELL TOMORROW...
...EVERYONE.
THANK YOU...
THANK YOU...
...AOI-CHAN.

NOPE. I'M FINE.
KAORU-SAMA, YOU'RE NOT FORGETTING ANYTHING, ARE YOU ?!
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KAORU!!
KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU, KAORU-DONO.
HANABISHI-SAMA IS GUARANTEED TO PASS.
GO GET 'EM, SENPAI!
GOOD LUCK!!

End of Chapter 65: Koushi—Test

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第六十六話 道程―どうてい―

Chapter 66 Doutei — Distance

Yoo-hoo! Onii-chaaaan!!

YES.
AOI-NEECHAN CAME TO PICK ME UP, TOO?!

YOU'RE ENERGETIC AS USUAL, CHIKA-CHAN.

ISN'T IT INCONVE-NIENT TO ALWAYS TAKE THE TIME TO COME HERE?
BUT CHIKA-SAN...

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AH!! THERE THEY ARE!
EVERYONE ELSE, TOO! SO, I DON'T MIND.
YUP! BUT CHIKA LOVES ONII-CHAN THAT MUCH!
LANDLADY-SAN, CHIKARIN, HURRY!
HANA-BISHI-SAMA!!
SENPAI, OVER HERE!
Uwah
HUH?
SHE'S ALREADY COM-PLETELY BLOTTO...

WELL THEN, IN HONOR OF KAORU PASSING HIS GRADUATE SCHOOL TEST...
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CHEERS!

ONII-CHAN, YOU'RE AMAZING!!
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, KAORU-DONO!
I'D EXPECT NO LESS FROM MY HANABISHI-SAMA!
GOOD WORK, SENPAI!
CONGRATS, KAORU!!
AOI-CHAN.
THANKS, EVERY-ONE...
KAORU-SAMA, CONGRATU-LATIONS ON PASSING.
REALLY, I APPRE-CIATE IT.
AND... THANK YOU FOR HAVING A PARTY LIKE THIS FOR ME.

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YO, KAORU! WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE?
GET YOUR DRINK ON, COLLEGE BOY!!

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cough cough
I SAID DRINK UP!! C'MON!
Fish and-tofu!
MISTER! BRING US SOME HOKKE AND YAKKO!
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE SOMEONE'S FORGOTTEN WHO THIS PARTY IS FOR.
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Oh my!
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WOULDN'T YOU RATHER DRINK CHATEAU MARGOT THAN THIS SWILL?!
MY SWEET HANA-BISHI-SAMA-AA!

CHECK IT OUT. MAYU'S BODY HAS GOTTEN INCREDIBLY HOT, HASN'T IT?
H-HEY, MAYU-CHAN, HOW MUCH OF THIS WINE HAVE YOU HAD?!
Enough to come on to me like this?!
Tittter...
ONII-CHAN, THERE'S ANOTHER EMPTY BOTTLE JUST LIKE IT OVER HERE
EHHH?!
C'MON, DRINK SOME MORE WITH MAYU!!
UWAH!!

M-MAYU-CHAN?!
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HUH?! LOOKS LIKE MAYU-ONEECHAN FELL ASLEEP.
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SIGH
AW, MAN. I DIDN'T THINK MAYU-CHAN WOULD HAVE DRUNK SO MUCH.
KAORU-DONO!! COME HERE A MOMENT.
UM, OKAY.
I'M GLAD AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT DRUNK, MIYABI-SAN.
OF COURSE NOT.

LISTEN, KAORU-DONO...
YOU MUSTN'T BE SO EXCITED ABOUT SUCH A SMALL SUCCESS.
Y-YES, MA'AM.
YOU CAN'T BE COMPLACENT. LIFE IS FULL OF NON-STOP CHALLENGES!
IN ORDER TO ALWAYS BE VICTORI-OUS
...YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR EFFORTS!
AND THEN, IT'S ALL EFFORT!
N-NO WAY! NOT HER, TOO...?!
MIYABI-SAN'S WASTED ...?

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ARE YOU LISTENING, KAORU-DONO!?!

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WHEW! I FINALLY ESCAPED

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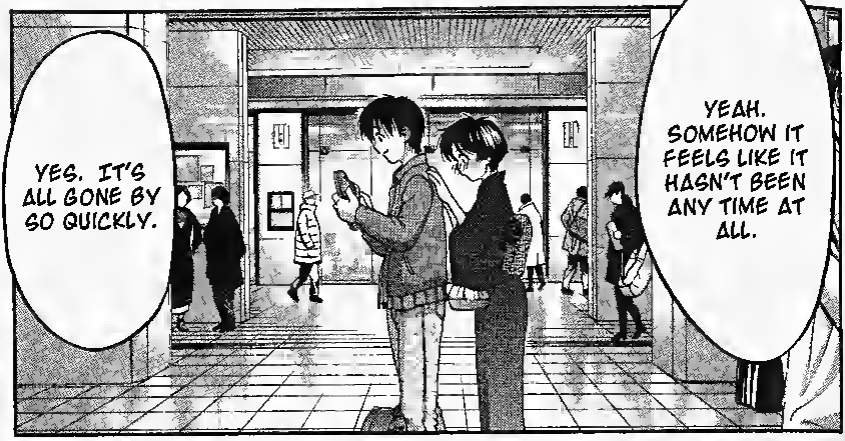
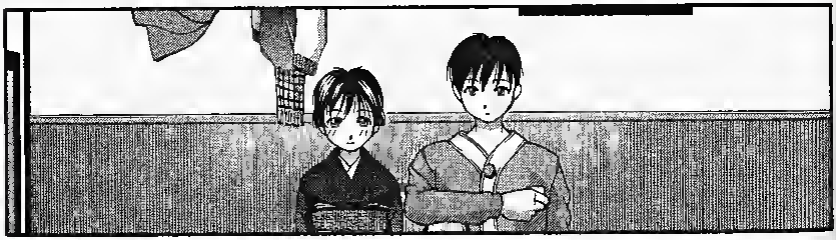
HEE-HEE MIYABI-SAN WAS IN A PRETTY GOOD MOOD, WASN'T SHE?
I THINK SHE'S MAD AT ME

HERE, KAORU-SAMA...

NO, MIYABI-SAN IS REALLY VERY HAPPY THAT YOU PASSED YOUR TEST, KAORU-SAMA
REALLY ..?

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS... HASN'T IT?
YES?
COME TO THINK OF IT... AOI-CHAN.
THANKS, AOI-CHAN.
Oops
SINCE WE FIRST MET AGAIN, YOU MEAN...?


YES. IT'S ALL GONE BY SO QUICKLY.
YEAH. SOMEHOW IT FEELS LIKE IT HASN'T BEEN ANY TIME AT ALL.



KAORU-SAMA...
KAORU-SAMA, YOU'RE GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL AND...

...WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO AFTER THAT?

HMMM... GOOD QUESTION...

I ACTUALLY STILL ONLY HAVE A VAGUE IDEA OF WHAT I'LL BECOME IN MY FUTURE.
BUT, YOU KNOW...
...I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD WHAT TO DO.
I WANT TO DECIDE ON MY OWN, LIVE ACCORDING TO MY WITS...
...BE MASTER OF MY OWN DESTINY.

KAORU-SAMA...
I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE EVER DECIDING FOR ME EVER AGAIN.
AH
WHERE'S YOUR GLASS?
SEMPAAAI!!! I REFILLED THE PITCHER!!
AH!
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GAHWAAAHH!!
K-KAORU-SAMA!!
S-SENPAI, I'M SO SORRY!

OOF!!

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PEOPLE SHOULDN'T DRINK UNTIL THEY PASS OUT.
THEY NEVER THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO CARRY THEM...
Sheesh! Every time!
WELL, THEN, I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM.
UM... KAORU-SAMA?

UM... I...
YEAH?! WHAT IS IT, AOI-CHAN?
WHATEVER LIFE YOU CHOOSE, KAORU-SAMA...
...AOI ALWAYS WANTS TO BE A PART OF IT.

End of Chapter 66: Doutei—Distance

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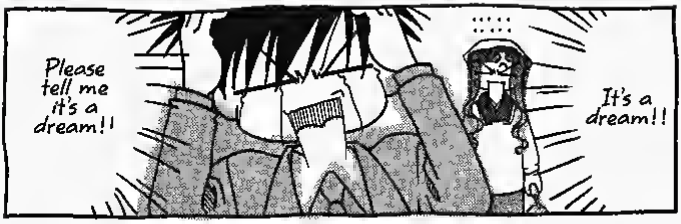
Ai-Ao Theatre, part 18:

Dream



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第六十七話 寄留—きりゅう—

Chapter 67: Kiryuu —Sojourn

HUH?! KAORU, THERE'S SOME CAR HERE.
I WONDER WHO IT IS?!

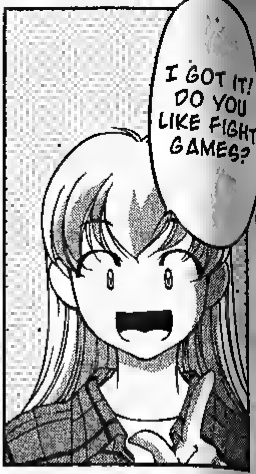
CHIKA-CHAN, WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I'M HERE, YOU LUCKY PEOPLE!!
EH?!
WELCOME, CHIKA-CHAN.
AS OF TODAY, YOU GUYS HAVE A NEW TENANT.
CHIKA MINAZUKI IS MOVING IN!

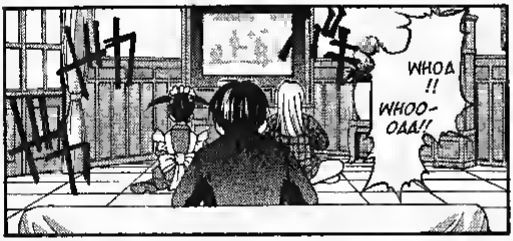
IS SHE SERIOUS, LANDLADY-SAN?!
YES.
I HOPE YOU'RE AS EXCITED ABOUT ME JOINING YOU AS I AM!
It's a famous college prep school!
ACTUALLY, CHIKA-CHAN WAS ACCEPTED INTO A PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL NEARBY.
IT WAS HARDER TO CONVINCE MY MOM AND DAD TO LET ME COME THAN IT WAS GETTING IN.

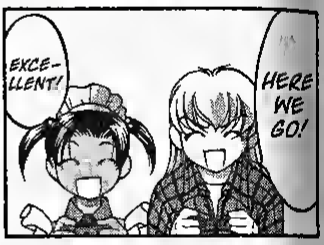
I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU, SO I HAD THE GIRLS KEEP IT A SECRET.
Ooooh!!!
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT NEWS! CONGRATULATIONS!
CHIKA-CHAN, IS IT ALL RIGHT TO LEAVE YOUR LUGGAGE HERE?!
This place is huge!
YOU BET! THANKS, MISTER!
YOU'LL BE TAKING THE ROOM FARTHEST DOWN ON THE END.
OKAY!

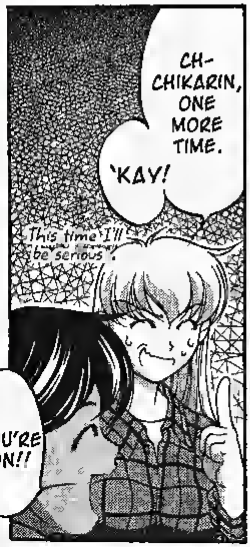
Presto!
OOOOHH! CHIKARIN, YOU'RE SO CUTE!!
IT SEEMS ONLY FAIR THAT IF I'M GONNA STAY HERE, I SHOULD LEND A HAND.
SO, I MADE AN OUTFIT LIKE TAE-NEECHAN'S.
HMMM ...
TINA-ONEECHAN, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?!

KAORU SUCKS AT THEM, SO PLAYING AGAINST HIM IS TOTALLY BORING...
WELL, EXCU-UUSE ♪ ME.


I GOT IT! DO YOU LIKE FIGHT GAMES?


WHOA !! WHOO-OAA!!


EXCE-LLENT!
HERE WE GO!


CH-CHIKARIN, ONE MORE TIME.
'KAY!
This time I'll be serious
YOU'RE ON!!

TEE-HEE-HEE!!
CHIKA-CHAN'S KICKING YOUR BUTT!!

MEE HEE HEE!
NOOOOO!! CHIKARIN, WAIT! WAHHHHH!!
EH?
IS THERE ANY-THING I CAN HELP WITH?
AOI-ONEE-CHAN!!
THANK YOU, CHIKA-SAN.
That's a cute outfit.
HERE!
WELL, COULD YOU HAND ME THE MIRIN? THIS IS A SAKE MARI-NADE.
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HEY, HEY, AOI-ONEE-CHAN, CAN I TASTE IT?!
SURE.
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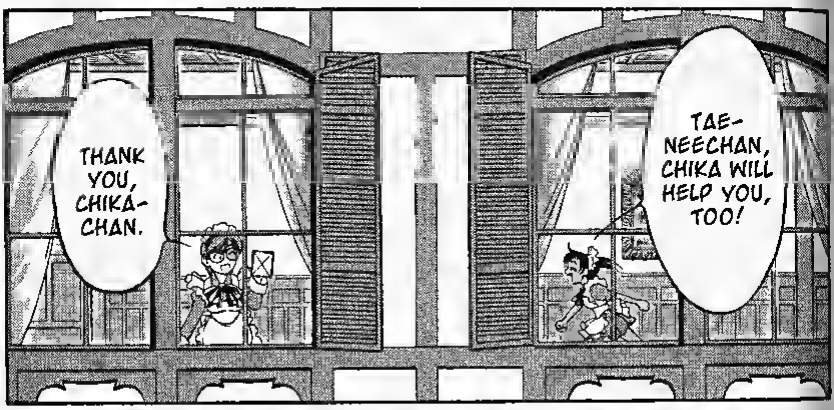
YEEEEUUUM!
IT'S SUPER GOOD!
HOW DID YOU MAKE THIS?!
TELL ME, TELL ME!!
WELL, YOU START WITH THIS...
YEAH, YEAH ...?

MIYABI-ONEECHAN, YOUR COFFEE'S READY!
THANK YOU.
WOULD YOU LEAVE IT THERE, PLEASE?
YES, MA'AM
!!
THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD...
DID YOU MAKE THIS COFFEE, CHIKA-SAN?
I SURE DID!
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO PUT THESE FILES AWAY?!

HMM... THIS GIRL MAY BE MORE CAPABLE THAN I THOUGHT.

IS IT THIS SHELF? IT'S IN ALPHA-BETICAL ORDER, RIGHT?
SURE, I GUESS SO...


THANK YOU, CHIKA-CHAN.
TAE-NEECHAN, CHIKA WILL HELP YOU, TOO!

CHIKA THINKS MOVING TO A NEW PLACE IS FUN!
I FEEL GREAT!

It's okay for you to rest
BUT CHIKA-CHAN, YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE MOVE.

I'LL BE LIVING HERE FROM NOW ON...
...SO I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO BE PART OF THE GANG.
AND...
WHEN CHIKA SEES YOU WORKING SO HARD, TAE-NEECHAN...
giggle
Tee-hee-hee
...CHIKA FEELS IT'S ONLY RIGHT SHE WORKS HARD, TOO.

WHAT IS IT? CHIKA-CHA-!
ONII-CHAA-AAN!
Lend me a hair-brush, Onii-chan!
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING, CHIKA-CHAN!?!
TEE-HEE-HEE! ARE YOU EMBAR-RASSED SEEING ME IN A TOWEL, ONII-CHAN?

HUH?!
AWWW... IT'S OKAY.
DON'T TEASE ME LIKE THAT!!
Inappropriate!
CHIKA DOESN'T MIND...
...SHOWING YOU, ONII-CHAN.
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WH-WH-WHAAA--?!
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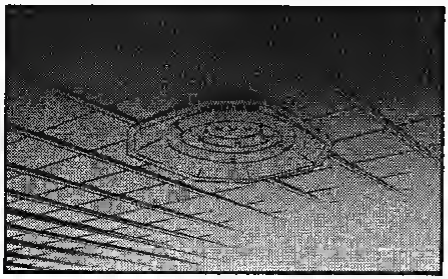
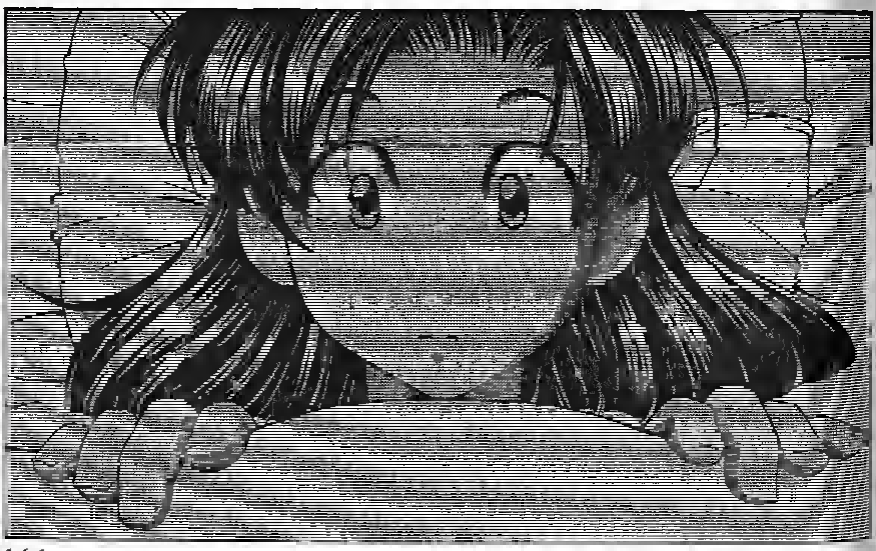
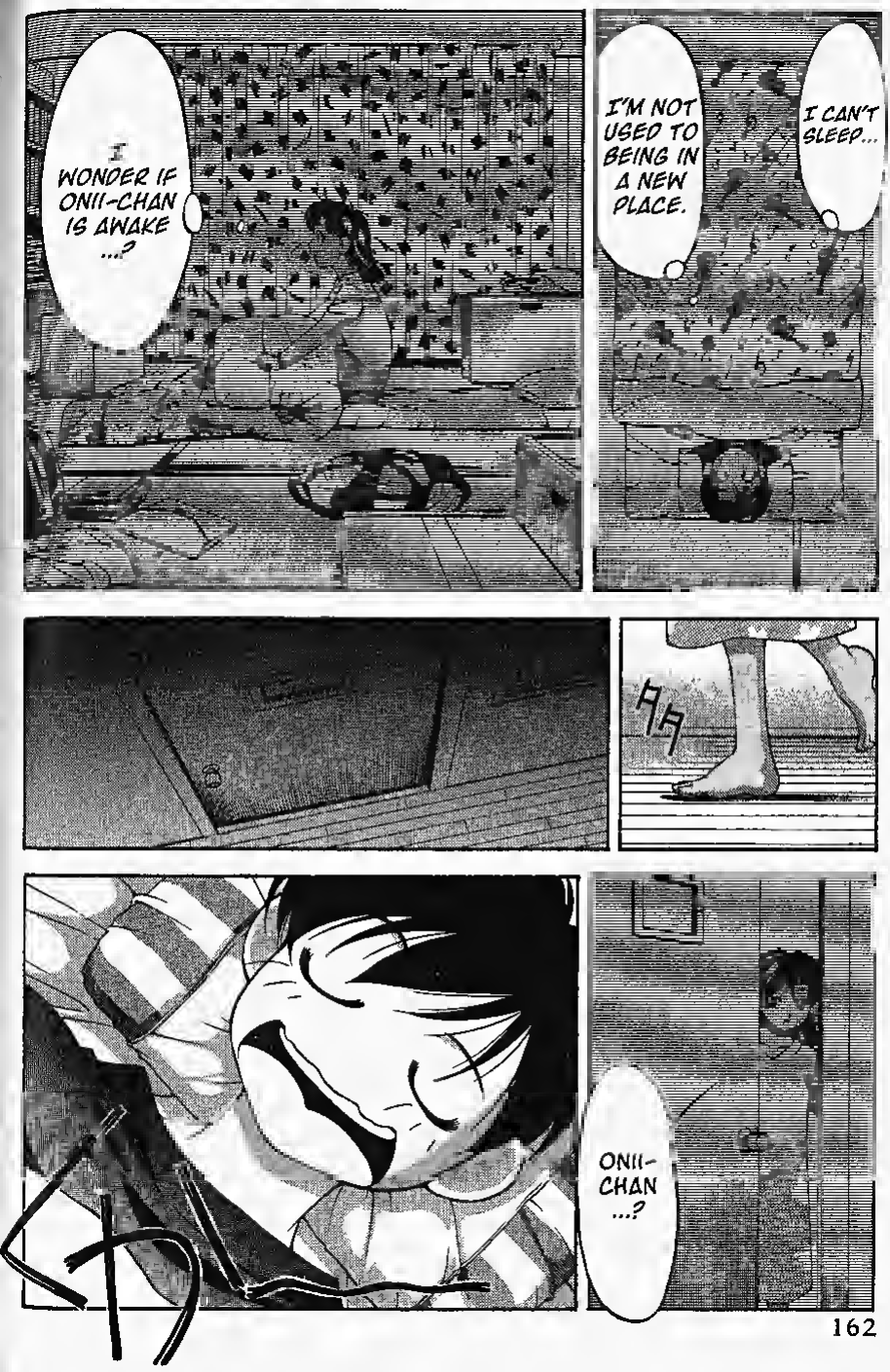
.....
TEE-HEE-HEE! DID I SCARE YOU?!
YOU DON'T GET THE PLEASURE OF PEEKING AT CHIKA NAKED THAT EASILY!!

Yaaaah!!

Eeeeeeeek!
He saw me again...
Ghhhhhh!!






I WONDER IF ONII-CHAN IS AWAKE ...?
I'M NOT USED TO BEING IN A NEW PLACE.
I CAN'T SLEEP...
ONII-CHAN ...?

HE LOOKS REALLY OUT OF IT.
TEE HEE HEE. SO WARM!
FUG-AGA!
HA! PINCH HIS NOSE!

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NNGH...?
HOLYYY !!

MMMM...
WH-WHY IS CHIKA-CHAN-?!
AH... GOOD MORNING...
...SWEET ONII-CHAN.
UMYU-UHHH...
THIS IS BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT ME POINTING OUT THAT HER STUFF WAS ON DISPLAY...

CHIKA-CHAN!! WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING IN HERE?
EH?! HUH?
UM. WHY, INDEED?!
ONII-CHAN, ARE YOU GOING OUT SOME-WHERE?
YEAH. I HAVE TO GO TO CAMPUS TODAY.
CAN CHIKA GO TOO?!
NO. I'M NOT GOING THERE TO PLAY.
BUT I THOUGHT I'D SPEND THE WHOLE DAY WITH YOU TODAY...

GOOD MORNING, ONEE-CHAN!!
GOOD MORNING, CHIKA-SAN.
BREAKFAST IS READY, SO PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
ITADAKI-MAAAAGU!
MMM!
IT'S SO GOOD!

TINA-SEN-PAI! CHIKA-CHAN!!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
AND DON'T FORGET, TAE-CHIN'S COOKING IS AMAZING IN ITS OWN WAY, TOO.
ISN'T IT?! NOBODY CAN COOK THE WAY AOI CAN!
WHAT IS IT, CHIKA-SAN?
OH, YEAH. CAN I ASK SOME-THING?
...LIKE ONII-CHAN?
DO YOU ALL...

COUGH COUGH COUGH...
A-are you all right?
ARE YOU TRYING TO START TROUBLE AROUND HERE, KID?
WELL, DO YOU?
EH?! TH-
THAT IS...
WELL...
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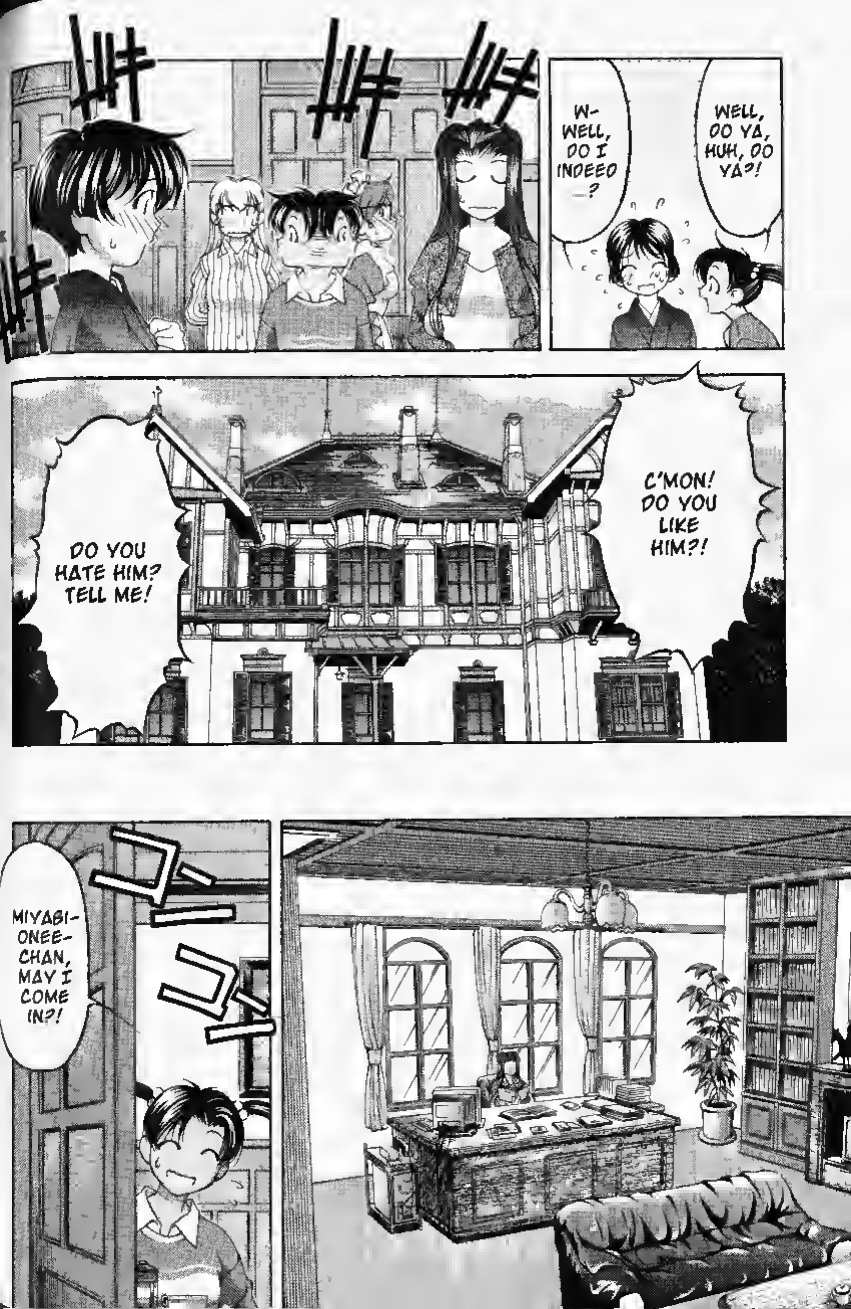
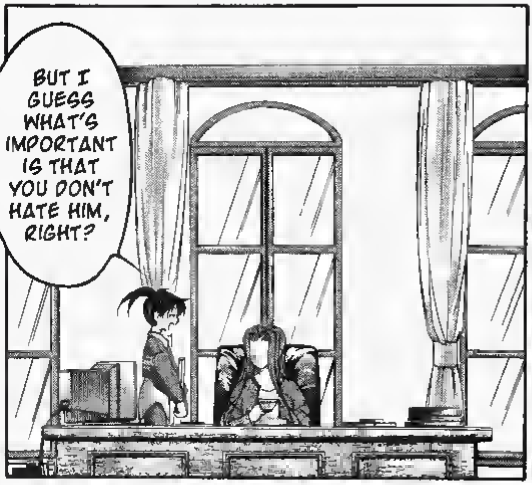
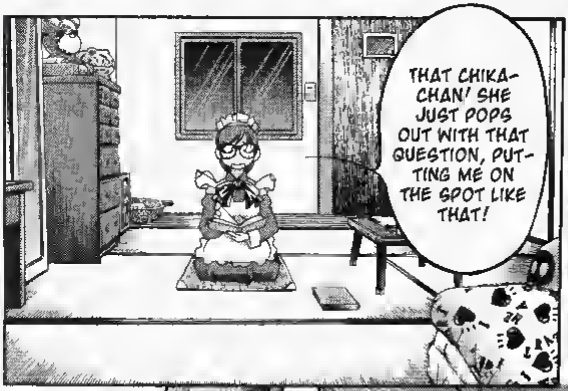

W-WELL, DO I INDEED—?
WELL, DO YA, HUH, DO YA?!
C'MON! DO YOU LIKE HIM?!
DO YOU HATE HIM? TELL ME!
MIYABI-ONEE-CHAN, MAY I COME IN?!

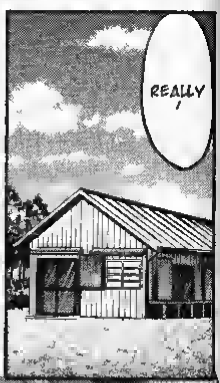
AND THEN, UM...
YES.
TEE HEE HEE. I MADE SOME BLACK TEA. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?
PLEASE.
AHHH, YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU ASKED EARLIER?
YUP!!
DO YOU LIKE ONII-CHAN, MIYABI-ONEE-CHAN?

TO ME, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER..
...WHETHER I LIKE HIM OR HATE HIM.
YOU SEE...
..TO ME, WITH KAORU-OONO IT'S... A..
?!
...THE VERY BOND ITSELF.
AND LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT, OKAY?


BUT I GUESS WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU DON'T HATE HIM, RIGHT?

HMM... CHIKA DOESN'T REALLY UNDER-STAND.


THAT CHIKA-CHAN' SHE JUST POPS OUT WITH THAT QUESTION, PUT-TING ME ON THE SPOT LIKE THAT!


REALLY

STILL, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THAT ONE TIME...

MAYBE I SHOULD START DRESSING UP, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR WHEN I'M IN FRONT OF SENPAI.
MAYBE I SHOULD PUT IT ON.
I JUST SPENT ALL MY EXTRA MONEY ON SOME EXPENSIVE LINGERIE.
EXCEPT MY MAKE-UP IS SO CHEAP AND GAUDY.
TAE-NEEC-HAN!!
I'M COMING IN!

Oops!
YAAA! TAE-NEE-CHAN!
YOU'RE PUTTING ON WEDDING-NIGHT UNDER-WEAR!!
WAAHHH!
EEEEEE! CHIKA-CHAN!!

C'MON, TELL ME! WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS, TINA-ONEE-CHAN?!
THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN ME AND KAORU!!
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS!!
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS COMPETING WITH MAYU-ONEECHAN?
IT'S JUST BECAUSE I HATE THAT STUCK-UP PRISSBAG!
HMM, BUT THIS PICTURE YOU HAVE HERE...
YOU AND KAORU MAKE A CUTE COUPLE.

HM?! WHAT IS IT, TINA-ONEE-CHAN...?
CHIKA-RIN...
...AND THAT'S HOW IT IS.
IF YOU TELL THIS TO ANY-ONE...
Y-Y-YEAH. CHIKA...
...W-W-W-WON'T TELL ANYONE. NO.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, AOI-ONEE-CHAN?
AOI-ONEE-CHAN!!
YEAH!!
YOU MEAN KAORU-SAMA AND MYSELF?
CHIKA-SAN, DO YOU KNOW THE WORD "ENISHI"?
ENISHI ...?
HMM... WELL...

"ENISHI" REFERS TO A BOND OF KARMA THAT TIES PEOPLE TOGETHER.
TINA-SAN, TAEKO-SAN, MIYABI-SAN, EVERYONE WHO'S LIVING HERE NOW...
...WE'RE ALL CONNECTED BY ENISHI.
AND, OF COURSE, NOW YOU'RE CONNECTED TO US BY ENISHI TOO, CHIKA-SAN
Even Mayu-san is part of the bond.
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT KAORU-SAMA

...HAS BEEN BOUND TO ME BY ENISHI FOR LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
HMM...I SEE...

CHIKA-CHAN, YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD
YUP!!
WHAA?!
BECAUSE I FINALLY FOUND OUT WHO REALLY LIKES ONII-CHAN!

EVERYBODY REALLY LIKES ONII-CHAN!
JUST LIKE CHIKA DOES!!
I'M HOME.
HUH?! WHAT'S WRONG? EVERYONE'S CHEEKS ARE FLUSHED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS!!
WELCOME BACK.
W-WELCOME HOME.
HUH?!

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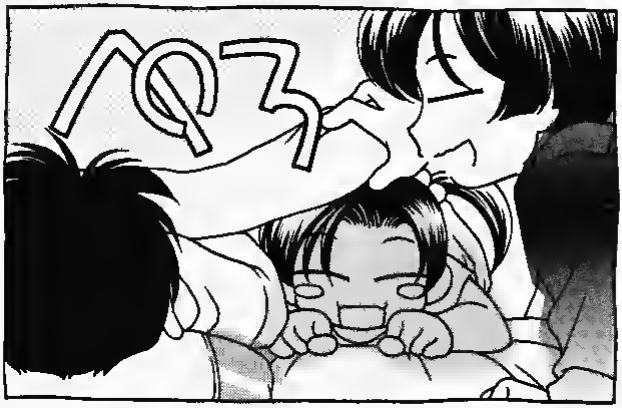

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